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Tobyhanna Army Depot resets communications systems used in war

Teams of technicians from Tobyhanna Army Depot's Communications Security and Tactical Missile Systems Directorate are repairing thousands of secure communications systems as part of the Army's reconstitution program to repair and overhaul Army systems that were heavily used during Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. The equipment is returned to like-new condition to support future requirements.

"To date, we have reset about 18,000 items, ranging from AN/CYZ 10 (V3) data transfer devices to KY-68 digital subscriber voice terminals," said Mark Costello, logistics management specialist, Support Services Division, COMSEC and Tactical Missile Systems Directorate.

Data transfer devices secure a wide variety of communications equipment used throughout the services and KY-68s are secure tactical field telephones. Other COMSEC equipment being repaired includes trunk encryption and network inline encryption devices.

The mission involves four-person teams traveling to installations such as Fort Bragg, N.C. (XVIII Airborne Corps); Fort Campbell, Ky. (101st Airborne Division); Fort Carson, Colo. (534th Signal Battalion); and Fort Stewart, Ga. (3rd Infantry Division).

"We offer this opportunity to exchange all their COMSEC equipment, ensuring the units have the most reliable equipment possible for their next deployment," said Ron Roberts, COMSEC project officer, Support Services Division.

HooAH! bars arrive in military, commercial markets

HooAH!, the performance nutrition bar first developed for the military, has taken its "SteadyEnergy" blend to the commercial market.

The Department of Defense Combat Feeding Directorate at the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center in Natick, Mass., created the HooAH! in 1996 through a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement with M&M Mars, Inc., to increase energy and improve performance of Warfighters during intense military operations.

About a year ago, D'Andrea Brothers, LLC in Los Angeles, Calif., approached the directorate to produce the bar for commercial sales as a way to widen its distribution, according to Gerald Darsch, director.

A federally-registered trademark of the Army, HooAH! was licensed by D'Andrea Brothers for commercial sales. By the end of 2004, the company introduced the bars in silver, red, white and blue packaging, a change from the woodland camouflage. By June, the bars will be stocked at retail stores nationwide.

Did you know ...

A. David Mills, the executive deputy to the commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command, will be retiring May 29 after 45 years of federal service.

Mills entered civil service as a supply clerk in 1961 and joined the Army's Supply Career Program in 1963 at the TACOM Life Cycle Management Command which was located at Rock Island, Ill., at the time. He joined the Army's Career Maintenance Management Career Program in 1976, and served as a division chief in the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Life Cycle Management Command's Integrated Materiel Management Center from 1979 to 1982, where he was selected as a member of the Army's senior executive service.